9. "The United Nations has now given a lead to the World by publishing STANDARD RULES ON EQUALISATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS. We call on all Governments to disseminate and implement these Rules in partnership with Organisations of disabled persons."

10. "This being the International Year of the Family, the XI World Congress radedicates itself to empowering families and communities 10 enable every individual especially the young child to realise her/his full developmental potential. We have a moral obligation to act now, to be practical, to work in our local communities to create one inclusive community for all worldwide".

Rain fed Agriculture

2829. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE: be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seventy five percent of agriculturists of the country still depend on rain fed agriculture; and

(b) the progress made is reducing this percentage during the last 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Agriculture Census data for 1990-91 are not get yet available. Data in respect of 1980-81 and 1985-86 is tabulated below:

Census Year	No. of operational Holdings		
	Wholly irrigated	Partly irrigated	Wholly unirrigated
1980-81 . . .	20352	19611	47050
1985-86	25292	16589	51329

The percentage of not irrigated area has increased from 26.9 per cent (1980-81) to 29.4 per cent during (1985-86).

(b) Agriculture Census data for the last five years are not available with the Government.

Amendment to the Vaterinary Council Bill

2830. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received requests from Government of Maharashtra, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh regarding the amendment to the Vaterinary Council Bill 1984;

(b) if so, how many States have so far appealed for these amendment; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Only three States namely Haryana, Himachal Pradesh & maharashtra have appealed for the amendment of the Act. After due consideration, these States Governments have been informed of the inability of Government of India to amend the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984.

Veterinary services federation of India

2831. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any representation has been received by Government from the Veterinary Services Federation of India on the 9th March, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the non-Graduate Veterinary Staff; and

(c) what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) A list of the demands is Annexed. (*See* below).

(c) Since the demand No. 2,3,4,5,7,8; & 9 fall under the purview of the State Government, the State Government/U.T. have been requested to address the demands. With regard to demand No. 1 Economics & Statistical Adviser and Planing Commission have been asked to examine.

Regarding demand No. 6 (a) and 6(c), the Veterinary Council of India has been requested to examine the demands. Regarding 6 (b) the decision of the Ministry's inability to accede to the demand has already been communicated to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

Regarding demand No. 10, there was a scheme to give incentive to agriculture extension worker till 6th Plan but it has since been discontinued.

Regarding demand No. 11, the Ministry is examining the case.

List of Demands

1. Allocation of adequate funds under Central and State budgets to have fullest exploitation of resources of Livestock and poultry field to provide a meaningful source of earnings and self-employment to the rural masses and educated unemployed youth in order to assess tremendous resources, in this field the enactment of Livestock Census Act on the anology of Census Act may kindly taken up with the sense of urgency by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of India.

2 Constitution of National Board for Veterinary Professional Examinations for prescribing syllabus and conducting non-degree veterinary professional examinations and to bring all non degree courses of studies under the control of this Board which will bring about the uniform pattern of syllabus and standard of non-degree courses in India, and it will take appropriate steps to bring the status of existing courses academically equivalent to the National and International standards, prescribed by the National Commission on Agriculture, and so international seminars and workshops organised by the Commonwealth Foundation. The composition of Board and its function should be on the line of national bodies which conducts and coordinates various diploma and certificate courses in the engineering field.

3. Provision of in-service training to non-graduate veterinary practitioners as recommended by the National Commission on Agriculture vide para 53-7-56 of part 11 of the report.

4. Grant of professional status to the non-graduate veterinary practitioners as Registered Veterinary Practitioners similar to the legal status accorded to the Non-Graduate veterinary practitioners in the state of Maharashtra and also on the analogy of the provisions under state medical Practitioners enactments and so also the provisions under Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940 and the rules thereunder of 1945 to provide due protection against the legal actions under the provisions of consumer protection Act.

5. Grant of adequate promotional channels of the non-degree veterinary Practitioners as recommended by the National Commission on Agriculture vide para-53-7-55 of part II of their report. and in accordance with the concept of Time Bound Promotions.

6. Amendment to the various provisions of the defective and in practicable provisions of the Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984.

(a) Incorporation of saving clause in Indian Veterinary Council Act, 1984 on the analogy of all professional National and State-wide legislation.

(b) Clause 30 ((b) of the said Act which regulate veterinary practice in the State-should suitably amend so as to accomodate the provision of the Clause 18 (2) of the Maharashtra Veterinary Practitioners Act, 1971.

(c) Addition of separate schedule to the Indian Veterinary Council Act which will incorporate all the non-degree courses of studies being conducted by the competent authorities including the Agricultural Universities in India, on the analogy of third schedule Appended to Indian Medical Council Act, 1965.

7. Application of the principle of equal pay for equal work for the non-graduate veterinary Practitioners all over India based on the recommendations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission, and as per classification prescribed by the Indian Council of Agricultural of Research.

8. Grant of risk allowance to various classes of veterinary Practitioners who have been surrounded by various infectious diseases of animals which are transferrable from animals to human beings, amongst which Rabies, Anthrax; Brucellosis etc. The Fourth Central Pay Commission has rightly and strongly recommended the issue of risk allowance in their report.

9. Grant of non practicing allowance to various classes of veterinary Practitioners who have been engaged in non professional activities on the analogy of the decision of Government of India and the Government of Gujarat.

10. The existing scheme of incentive to the Agricultural extension workers formulated by the Directorate of extension, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India be extended in spirit and letters to the veterinary and animal husbandry field. In addition to this merit awards on National and State level be awarded to the best persons in performance and skill in the veterinary and animal husbandry field..

11. Not to accept improper conditions under Dunkel Documents in the larger National interests.

सौराष्ट्र में फसल बीमा योजना

2832. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1992–93 और 1993–94 के दौरान फसल बीमा योजना के अंतर्गत सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र में किसानों को उपलब्ध करायी गई सहायता का जिला-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) उक्त योजना के अंतर्गत प्रत्येक जिले की अभी कितनी-कितनी धनराशि का भुगतान किया जाना शेष है ; और

(ग) किसानों को शेष दावों का भुगतान कब तक कर दिये जाने की सम्भावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द सेतपम): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1992–93 और 1993–94 के दौरान बृहत फसल बीमा योजना के अंतर्गत सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र को दी गई सहायता का राज्यवार ब्यौरा और जिस धनराशि का भुगतान अभी किया जाना बाकी है उसका ब्यौरा विवरण के रूप मे संलग्न है । **(नीचे देखिये)** ।

(ग) सुरेन्द्रनगर जिले के खरीफ, 1993 मौसम के दावे भारत सरकार द्वारा अनुमोदित कर दिये गये हैं और जैसे ही राज्य सरकार का एक तिहाई अंश प्राप्त हो जायेगा उनका भुगतान कर दिया जायेगा । सौराष्ट्र क्षेत्र के शेष पांच जिलों के दावों की जांच भारत सरकार द्वारा इसी प्रयोजन के लिये गठित एक समिति द्वारा की गई है । इन दावों के निपटान के सिद्धान्तों को अन्तिम रूप दे दिया गया है और इसकी सूचना राज्य सरकार तथा संबंधित एजेन्सियों को दी जा चुकी है । इन सिद्धान्तों के अनुसार, राज्य सरकार तथा संबंधित एजेन्सियों के साथ परामर्श करते हुए इन दावों का निपटान किया जायेगा ।